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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6923**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 583

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 4, 2007

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Victims Compensation Fund.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Mishler

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**    **GENERAL**  
                          **X DEDICATED**  
                          **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill provides that the Victim Services Division of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute may pay reasonable funeral, burial, or cremation expenses of all victims of violent crimes who die as a result of the crime. (Current law limits payment to unmarried victims.)

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2007.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The bill allows the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) to pay reasonable expenses incurred for funeral, burial, or cremation for a victim of a violent crime who was married at the time of the crime and died as a result of the crime.

The ICJI reports that the maximum benefit paid to an individual's family for funeral, burial, or cremation expenses is \$4,000. This dollar amount is reduced by any other award provided to the family for expenses, such as from a life insurance policy or township trustee payment.

*Background Information:* The ICJI reports that it is currently paying claims for violent crimes from 2002 applications. In addition, the ICJI paid approximately \$15,000 in burial claims during FY 2006.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

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**State Agencies Affected:** Indiana Criminal Justice Institute.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

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